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FOR THE SECRETARY THROUGH ROGERS FROM EB KATZ, ACTING

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS ON THE
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)
(S/S 7618738)

1. ON AUGUST 5 SENATORS SPARKMAN, HUMPHREY, AND SIX OTHERS
WROTE YOU TO URGE YOU TO MAKE A PERSONAL EFFORT TO PERSUADE
THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF THEIR CONTRI-
BUTION TO IFAD. WE HAVE BEEN DELAYING A RESPONSE PENDING
YOUR DECISION ON THE ACTION MEMORANDUM (S/S 7617557) DAN
PARKER AND JOE GREENWALD SENT YOU ON IFAD LAST MONTH.
THERE IS NOW A RISK THAT THE SENATORS WILL INTERPRET FUR-
THUR DELAY AS WANING INTEREST IN AN ADMINISTRATION PROJECT
ON WHICH THEY HAVE SPENT SOME CAPITAL IN GAINING SENATE
SUPPORT.

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OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE NOTES THE EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE OPEC COUNTRIES FOR IFAD. IT DOES NOT PREJUDGE YOUR DECISION ON OUR SUGGESTED LETTERS FROM YOU TO KEY OPEC LEADERS; ALTHOUGH, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH. OUR PROPOSED LETTER TO THE SENATORS DOES PRESUME YOUR APPROVAL OF THE ANSWER WE PREPARED FOR YOU TO SEND TO SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM WHICH WAS ALSO PART OF OUR EARLIER ACTION MEMORANDUM.

IFAD IS BEGINNING TO LOSE MOMENTUM AND IS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING UNLESS THE OPEC COUNTRIES CHANGE THEIR POSITION. WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REASSURE THE CONGRESS THAT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO FRUITION.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED LETTER TO THE SENATORS WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCCLOSKEY WILL SEND OUT UNDER NOTES INDICATING THAT YOU APPROVED THIS WHILE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTRY.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

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3. FOLLOWING IS THE RECOMMENDED LETTER:

QUOTE DEAR SENATOR :

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. I SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF IFAD FOR THE CRITICAL TASK OF INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AS A VEHICLE FOR CONCRETE COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND OPEC COUNTRIES.

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I TOO AM DISAPPOINTED AT THE LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO DATE. A CONTRIBUTION OF \$400 MILLION FROM OPEC DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE POSITION ON BURDEN SHARING WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE IFAD NEGOTIATIONS.

WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM KEY OPEC COUNTRIES. I DISCUSSED IFAD WITH THE

SHAH DURING MY RECENT TRIP TO TEHRAN, AND I HAVE ASKED
AMBASSADOR HELMS TO FOLLOW UP WITH ANOTHER DIRECT APPROACH
TO THE SHAH. I INTEND TO URGE SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM
TO MAKE FURTHER PERSONAL EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE OPEC COUN-
TRIES TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. ALSO, I AM ASKING
SECRETARY SIMON AND UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS TO TAKE UP THIS
ISSUE DURING THEIR BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH KEY OPEC
COUNTRY FINANCE MINISTERS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND IN
MANILA IN EARLY OCTOBER.

I SHALL ASK UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS TO DISCUSS THESE
ISSUES WITH YOU PERSONALLY BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR MANILA.

BEST REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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